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FROM WIRES HAVING HYDROGEL COATING
LAYERS THEREON

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Sir:

This communication is in response to the final office action mailed October 19, 2004. This reply is being submitted within two months of the mailing date of the final office action. Favorable consideration of this reply is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page two (2) of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page six (6) of this paper.